

1934 Australian Ladies' Rowing Council meeting

Annual Conference held at Y.W.C.A. Sydney April 5, 1934.

Present: Miss F.M. Fowler, president of the N.S.W.L.R.A.

Victoria: Miss E. Gideon, Mrs. G. Williams.

South Australia: Miss Crossett, Mrs. Lewis.

Tasmania: Messrs. B. Rosevear, D. Hughes.

N.S.W.: Mrs. O. Peatfield, Miss I. Pike.

Miss Killmier reported that in accordance with the minutes passed at the 13th conference, an association comprising four ladies rowing clubs had been formed in South Australia in August, 1933, and Miss Fowler thereupon congratulated S.A. on its enterprise.

In quoting the instance of Mr. Clark's admission to the conference in Hobart, Miss Crossett pointed out that although Mr. Roebuck had been nominated as a Queensland delegate to this conference, they had been asked to withdraw this nomination in favour of a lady delegate - but she noted that Tasmania was represented by two gentlemen. The Secretary then read correspondence with the Sec. of the Qld. Assoc. and explained that efforts had also been made to induce the Tasmanian party now in Sydney to withdraw their nominations and substitute lady delegates, but this had not been done.

Miss Fowler explained that the councils constitution did not cover such a contingency but that this matter would receive the attention of this meeting after the completion of the other business. Mr. Rosevear stated that both he and Mr. Hughes were only in attendance to do their best for Tasmania and that both gentlemen were of opinion that male delegates should not be admitted, as the ladies appeared quite capable of conducting their own affairs. Mr. Rosevear stated that he greatly appreciated the honour of being permitted to attend.

Mrs. Peatfield proposed, Miss Pike seconded that all publicity concerning an interstate race be borne by the governing body in the state where the race is held, and that the only expenditure to be incurred by the council to be in respect of postages, telegrams, telephone calls, advertisements etc. concerning council matters or the accommodation of visiting crews.

The secretary \$outlined to the conference Miss D. Kean's letter stating that there was no ladies rowing club in existence in Perth but that if the council decided to hold the 1935 race in Peth she would do all in her power to make arrangements concerning boats, but she would not promise very much in the way of entertainment. Miss Kean stated that the conduct of the race would have to be handled by the men's clubs in Perth.

It was proposed by Mr. Rosevear and seconded Mrs. Gideon that since Western Australia had forfeited its right to hold the race in its turn upon its own water in terms of the constitution the 1935 race be rowed at S.A.

Mr. Rosevear later withdrew his motion, stating that this course must be automatically followed, in terms of the constitution.

Miss Killmier stated that the S.A. Assoc. being comparatively in its infancy would not be in a position to hold the race there in 1935 and to conduct such an important function successfully, both financially and socially. Moreover, Miss Killmier advised that she had been in conversation with a prominent sportsman, and an ex-rower from Perth, who had assured her that should the 1935 race be rowed at Perth, he could guarantee that the men's clubs would conduct it successfully.

In view of this Miss Killmier moved an amendment to the effect that the race should be held at Perth. It was pointed out that although Tasmania had actually forfeited their right to hold the race there, this had been waived on the occasion of the 1933 race, with beneficial results to Tas. Mrs. Peatfield was of the opinion that as apparently only one person could be responsible for arrangements at Perth, whereas the S.A. Assoc. consisted of four clubs, it seemed a much fairer proposition to hold the race in S.A..

As regards entertainment, Mrs. Peatfield expressed the opinion that this should not be expected by visitors to such a large extent.

Mrs. Gideon stated that as the council had adhered to its constitution in refusing Victoria's Notices of Motion, which had not been received within the prescribed time limit, it should be consistent, and abide by the Constitution in this case, thus voting the race for 1935 to S.A.

Miss Killmier stated that she and Hiss Hill had not the authority from their Assoc. to make arrangements for the race to be held in S.A. and Mr Rosevear suggested that S.A. be given one month in which to come to a decision. Mrs. Gideon objected on the grounds that this would not give the Secretary sufficient time to complete her records, and forward the books and papers to the next State holding the race within one month, in terms of the Constitution.

It was resolved, on the proposal of Mrs. Peatfield that the S.A. delegates telegraph their Association, asking for a decision within one week, and that they then communicate this decision to the Secretary who would advise all states. It was resolved that should S.A. be unwilling to hold the 1935 race there same should pass in its order of sequence to Victoria.

It was proposed by Mr. Rosevear and seconded by Mr. Hughes that only lady delegates be permitted to attend all future council meetings.